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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM LANE

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH LUIS GARCIA PERAZA

1. LUIS GARCIA PERAZA, DIRECTOR OF NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, WILL FORM PART OF THE CUBAN DELEGATION FOR THE MARITIME BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON ON DECEMBER 12 AND 13. I PRESUME THAT YOU MAY BE MEETING WITH THE DELEGATION IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER DURING ITS VISIT, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND ALSO THAT YOU OFFER TO RECEIVE GARCIA SEPARATELY (PRESUMABLY WITH WAYNE SMITH AND SANCHEZ PARODI) FOR AT LEAST A COURTESY CALL (AND GENERAL DISCUSSION OF CURRENT US-CUBAN RELATIONS IF YOU DESIRE).

2. GARCIA IS NOT A POLICYMAKER, BUT HE IS USINT'S PRINCIPAL INTERLOCUTOR IN MINREX ON DAY-TO-DAY BUSINESS. IT MAY BE QUESTIONED WHETHER IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT HE CALL ON YOU, SINCE HE IS AT THE FOURTH LEVEL IN MINREX AFTER MALMIERCA, FIRST VICE MINISTER ANILLO, AND THE OTHER VICE MINISTERS INCLUDING TORRAS. MOREOVER, HE HAS NOT (AS YET AT LEAST) REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOU, ALTHOUGH I BELIEVE THAT HE WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, GIVEN HIS IMPORTANCE TO US HERE AND HIS PERSONAL SENSITIVITY I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD RECEIVE HIM. ALTERNATIVELY, IF YOU PREFER OR WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE, IT WOULD BE FINE IF HE WERE TO SEE BILL STEDMAN AND/OR JOHN
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